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Caged Macmillan
Sergeant Hamish
Macbeth--Scotland's most
quick-witted but unambitious
policeman--returns in M.C.
Beaton's new mystery in her
New York Times bestselling
series. From the author of the
Agatha Raisin series. When
Police Sergeant Hamish

Macbeth hears reports of a haunted castle near Drim, he assumes the eerie noises and lights reported by the villagers are just local teenagers going there to smoke pot or, worse, inject themselves with drugs. Still, Hamish decides that he and his policeman, Charlie "Clumsy" Carson, will spend the night at the ruined castle to get to the bottom of the rumors once and for all. There's no sign of any ghost...but then Charlie disappears through the floor. It turns out he's fallen into the cellar. And what Hamish and Charlie find there is worse than a ghost: a dead body propped against the wall. Waiting for help to arrive, Hamish and Charlie leave the castle just for a moment--to eat bacon baps--but when they return, the body is nowhere to be seen. It's clear something strange--and deadly--is going on at the castle, and Hamish must get to the bottom of it before the "ghost" can strike again...

Hot to Trot Minotaur Books
Dead Ringer is the latest crime

novel from Mary Burton, America's Queen of Crime. **SOME NIGHTMARES** Beside each body, the killer leaves a simple charm bearing a woman's name. The victims are strangers to each other, but they have been chosen with the utmost care. Each bears a striking resemblance to Kendall Shaw, a local TV presenter, and each is brutally strangled by a madman whose obsession will never end... **DON'T FADE** In front of the cameras, Kendall is the picture of stylish confidence. But at night she's haunted by disturbing nightmares that feel like fragmented memories of a childhood she can't remember. Despite warnings from Detective Jacob Warwick, Kendall can't stop investigating the recent string of murders. She knows she holds the key to catching an obsessed psychopath - if he doesn't get to her first... **WITH DAYLIGHT** The deeper Kendall and Jacob dig into the victims' backgrounds, the more terrifying the discoveries. From the shadows of the past, a legacy of evil has resurfaced. Every

murder, every moment has been leading to Kendall. And this time, nothing will stop the killer making her his final victim... Fans of Tess Gerritsen, Kathy Reichs, and Karin Slaughter will love Mary Burton's *Dead Ringer*. Much like *The Seventh Victim* and *Before She Dies*, *Dead Ringer* will have its readers in horrified suspense. Praise for Mary Burton: 'A twisted tale . . . I couldn't put it down!' Lisa Jackson 'Stieg Larsson fans will find a lot to like in Burton's taut, well-paced novel' Publishers Weekly Mary Burton is the critically acclaimed author of *I'm Watching You*, *Dead Ringer*, *Dying Scream*, *Merciless* and *Senseless* - all set in Virginia, USA, where Mary lives with her family.

Cozy Case Files, A Cozy Mystery Sampler, Volume 8
Minotaur Books

Beloved New York Times bestseller M. C. Beaton's cranky, crafty Agatha Raisin—now the star of a hit T.V. show—is back on the case again in *Down the Hatch*. Private detective

Agatha Raisin, having recently taken up power-walking, is striding along a path in Mircester Park during her lunch break when she hears a cry for help. Rushing over, she finds an elderly couple, Mr. and Mrs. Swinburn, in the middle of the green—with the body of an old man lying at their feet. The man, who the coroner determines died by poisoning, was known as "the Admiral," a gardener notorious for his heavy drinking, and Chief Inspector Wilkes writes the death off as an accident caused by the consumption of weedkiller stored in a rum bottle. Agatha is not convinced that anyone would mistake weedkiller for rum but carries on with her work at Raisin Investigations, until she receives an anonymous tip that the Admiral's death was no accident. Local gossip points to the Swinburns themselves as

the killers, spurred by a feud at the club where they, as well as the Admiral, were members. Distraught at this accusation, they turn to Agatha to clear their name, and she takes the case—despite the warnings of Chief Inspector Wilkes. Agatha encounters one suspicious character after another, becoming further enmeshed in the Admiral's own dark and shady past. And when she's run off the road, narrowly escaping with her life, and then another attack occurs, it becomes clear that someone doesn't want the case closed—and will stop at nothing to prevent Agatha from solving it.

Dead Head Minotaur Books
Travel to the Scotland Highlands with this classic Hamish Macbeth cozy mystery where an unladylike gossip columnist meets an untimely and watery death. From the author of the Agatha

Raisin series. When society widow and gossip columnist Lady Jane Winters joined the fishing class, she wasted no time in ruffling the feathers--or was it the fins?--of those around her. Among the victims of her sharp tongue and unladylike manner was Lochdubh Constable Hamish Macbeth. Yet not even Hamish thought someone would permanently silence Lady Jane's shrills--until her strangled body is fished out of the river. Now with the help of the lovely Priscilla Halburton-Smythe, Hamish must angle through the choppy waters of the tattler's life to find the murderer. But with a school of suspects who aren't ready to talk and dead women telling no tales, Hamish may be in over his head, for he knows that secrets are dangerous, knowledge is power, and killers usually do strike again.

Experiencing Public Relations Macmillan

Looking for a new cozy series? the Blue Ridge Mountains. In the new edition of Cozy Case Files, Minotaur Books compiles the beginnings of seven charming cozy mysteries publishing in Fall 2021 for free for easy sampling. The thirteenth edition of Cozy Case Files features the latest cozies by the following authors: Ellie Alexander, Donna Andrews, M. C. Beaton with R. W. Green, Jane K. Cleland, Jess Dylan, Elizabeth Penney, and Diane Kelly. Dip into two series debuts! In Chapter and Curse, follow Molly Kimball as she heads to Cambridge, England to help run the family bookshop. In Getaway with Murder, Misty Murphy celebrates her fiftieth birthday by ending her marriage, emptying both her nest and her bank account, and purchasing a dilapidated mountain lodge at the top of Spring has arrived in Leavenworth, Washington in The Cure for What Ales You, and despite the festive spirit Slone Krause is brewing over her past. And speaking of things in bloom, Petals and Poison returns readers to a flower shop with a knack for attracting trouble as well as customers. Beloved heroine Agatha Raisin is back in Down the Hatch, where a newfound hobby, power-walking, leads Agatha to a dead body and right into her newest case. In Jane Austen ' s Lost Letters, Josie Prescott comes across two undiscovered letters, under mysterious circumstances, written by the beloved novelist. Finish by getting in the holiday spirit in The Twelve Jays of Christmas, where a snowstorm brings to light not only a murder, but

an elopement within the Langslow family. Jess Castle and the Eyeballs of Death Macmillan Allotment wars! Lord Bellingham, Carsely's biggest landholder, has enraged locals by saying he is going to sell off their allotments to make way for a new housing development. So when he turns up dead, poisoned by antifreeze, nobody mourns his passing. On another fine summer's day Agatha visits Carsley's allotments where everything looks peaceful and perfect: people of all ages digging in the soil and working hard to grow their own fruit and veg. Agatha feels almost tempted to take on a strip herself . . . but common sense soon prevails. She doesn't really like getting her hands dirty. She is introduced to three oldtimers who have just taken over a new strip; Harry Perry, Bunty Daventry and Josephine Merriweather are lamenting the neglected condition of the

patch. But as Harry starts to shovel through the weeds and grass his spade comes across something hard so he bends down and tries to move the object. And then he starts to yell . . . The body is that of Peta Currie, a newcomer to the village - but who would want to murder her? Blonde and beautiful she's every local male's favourite. And then Lord Bellingham's son engages Agatha to do some digging of her own and very soon Agatha is thrown into a world of petty feuds, jealousies and disputes over land. It would seem that far from being tiny gardens of Eden, Carsley's allotments are local battlefields where passions - and the bodycount - run high! Praise for the Agatha Raisin series: 'Sharp, witty, hugely intelligent, unfailingly entertaining, delightfully intolerant and oh so magnificently non-PC, M.C. Beaton has created a national treasure' Anne Robinson 'M.C.

Beaton's imperfect heroine is an absolute gem' Publishers Weekly 'The Miss Marple-like Raisin is a refreshing, sensible, wonderfully eccentric, thoroughly likeable heroine' Booklist

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At age twenty six, Agatha Raisin has already come a long way. She has clawed her way up since leaving the Birmingham slum where she was born. She's lost her Birmingham accent, run away from her drunken husband, and found a job at a public relations office as a secretary. Then her boss asks Agatha to go to the home of Brian Devese to tell him that he is soon going to be arrested for the murder of his wife and that the agency no longer wants to represent him. Brian, impressed with the pugnacious Agatha, asks her to handle PR for him and even offers her an office and tells her she can hire a staff. Certainly the best thing Agatha can do for her first client is to find out who really murdered his wife and clear his name. And with her wits and

gumption, Agatha sets out to do just that. New York Times bestseller M. C. Beaton's Agatha Raisin—now the star of a hit show on Acorn TV and public television—is beloved by millions and this brand new short story take us back to where it all began with Agatha's first case.

Cozy Case Files, A Cozy Mystery Sampler, Volume 13
Macmillan

Looking for a new cozy series?

In the new edition of Cozy Case Files, Minotaur Books compiles the beginnings of five charming cozy mysteries starting in December 2019 for free for easy sampling. Travel cross country – and across the ocean – with the latest cozies by the following authors: M.C. Beaton, Vivien Chien, Diane Kelly, Elizabeth Penney, and Paige Shelton. Start in Cleveland in Egg Drop Dead, where a dinner party catered by Ho-Lee Noodle House has deadly consequences. From there pop down to Nashville, where the real estate market is to die for, in

Dead in the Doorway. Travel to Maine in series debut Hems & Homicide; this apron shop will have readers on pins and needles! You ' ll finish your journey across the pond. In The Stolen Letter, pandemonium ensues in Edinburgh when bookseller Delaney Nichols meets a woman who believes she is Mary, Queen of Scots, reborn. And in Beating About the Bush, Agatha Raisin must investigate a case of industrial espionage at a factory where nothing is quite what it seems.

Pushing Up Daisies Morgan James Publishing

Their chocolates are to die for—but things aren ' t so sweet when a real killer comes to town, in this debut mystery perfect for fans of Joanne Fluke and Laura Childs. Identical twin sisters Alex and Hannah are the owners of Murder and Mayhem, a mystery bookshop that sells their famous poison-themed

Killer Chocolates. But now, there ' s a real killer in their midst. Shortly before Christmas, their septuagenarian neighbor, Jane, confides to Alex that a murderer from a true-crime show has taken up residence in the village. Unfortunately, she ' s also shared her suspicions with town gossip Netta. The next morning, Alex shows up at Jane ' s house to watch the show, but instead discovers Jane's body, with a box of Killer Chocolates nearby. The sheriff quickly zeroes in on two suspects: Alex, a beneficiary in Jane ' s will, and Zack, a handyman who was seen leaving the crime scene. But Alex maintains her innocence and sets out to draft a list of other potential suspects—townsfolk who ' d recently been seen arguing with Jane. When Alex gets

hold of Jane ' s journal, she begins to understand the truth. But a bearer of ill tidings is arriving early this year—and Alex just might not make it to Christmas.

A Christmas Candy Killing Knopf Books for Young Readers
Something Borrowed, Someone Dead continues the tradition in M. C. Beaton's beloved Agatha Raisin cozy mystery series—now a hit show on Acorn TV and public television. Gloria French was a jolly widow with dyed blonde hair, a raucous laugh and rosy cheeks. When she first moved from London to the charming Cotswolds hills, she was heartily welcomed. She seemed a do-gooder par excellence, raising funds for the church and caring for the elderly. But she had a nasty habit of borrowing things and not giving them back, just small things, a teapot here, a set of silverware there. So it's quite the shock when she is found dead, murdered by a poisoned bottle of elderberry wine. Afraid the murder will be a blight on the small town, Parish councillor, Jerry Tarrant, hires

private detective Agatha Raisin to track down the murderer. But the village is secretive and the residents resent Agatha's investigation. Of course that doesn't stop the ever-persistent Agatha from investigating and sticking her nose where no one wants it—especially as the suspect list grows. And, as if it isn't enough that Agatha's ex has reentered the picture, the murderer is now targeting Agatha! With M.C. Beaton's Something Borrowed, Someone Dead the bossy, vain, and absolutely irresistible, Agatha Raisin continues to be a fan favorite.

Hiss and Hers Minotaur Books

In The Staggerford Flood, Jon Hassler brings back Agatha McGee and reunites other favorite characters from his award-winning Staggerford novels. When a flood hits Staggerford and neighboring towns, Agatha McGee's house on the highest hill in town becomes a refuge for seven female

neighbors, friends, and former students for three days and three nights. This deluge of old and new friends—as well as a new young priest who thinks Agatha has become a bit too zealous about morality—helps to restore Agatha's own very distinctive spark.

Agatha Raisin and the Day the Floods Came Crooked Lane Books

Millionaire lawyer Carlton Phillips has lost track of his daughter Marcy. Her last known whereabouts were at her school, Syracuse University. While trying to track down Marcy and/or her geeky boyfriend Sean Loomis on a quick trip upstate, Swann follows the clues to a sorority house, a pizza joint, and the office of a literature professor who is clearly hiding something. Armed with more questions than leads Swann flies up to Boston where he narrowly

avoids the arms of a seductive and secretive librarian. Finally back in New York City, Swann tries to sort out the details of the case. Is Marcy Phillips a victim? What is the nature of her relationship to the sexy and cagey Elizabeth Lawson? Is Carlton Phillips somehow involved in this story? How are all of these people connected to the rare book world, and who is really trying to get away with something? Praise for SWANN DIVES IN ... “ If you like your PIs sexy, well-read and wise-cracking, Henry Swann is your man. ” — Rosemary Harris, Anthony and Agatha-nominated author of *Pushing Up Daisies* “ Henry Swann is in the great tradition of American mystery heroes: world-weary, philosophical, tough, and competent. This novel is totally entertaining. ” — Laurence Klavan, Edgar Award-winning author of *The Cutting Room* and *The Shooting Script* “ Swann Dives In takes you in

all kinds of unexpected directions, not only giving the reader a fresh view of the crime novel but a fresh view of the nature of crime itself. ” — Lauren Weisberger, author of *The Devil Wears Prada* “ I always love it when I come across a new private detective to admire and worship, someone who is brave where I ’ m weak, someone who gets his hands dirty while I keep mine clean. Henry Swann is such a detective and he tells a great story. For fans of hard-boiled mysteries or just plain old good fiction, I ’ m sure you ’ ll love *Swann Dives In*. ” — Jonathan Ames, author of *Wake Up, Sir!* and creator of *Bored to Death* “ Charles Salzberg delivers the goods, even if Swann ’ s clients usually don ’ t. I thoroughly enjoyed this fast-paced journey through the treacherous worlds of high-powered lawyering and academia. I even learned something about books. *Swann Dives In* is a blast from

beginning to end. ” — Tom Coffey, author of *The Serpent Club* and *Blood Alley* “ *Antihero PI Swann ’ s* sophomore case (after *Swann ’ s Last Song*) delivers the goods in the well-paced literary mystery. Salzberg ’ s soft-boiled touch makes this clever bibliophile case a fun read, particularly with its abundant literary references. ” — *Library Journal*

Death of a Gossip Constable
Agatha Raisin and the Day the Floods Came continues the tradition in M. C. Beaton's beloved Agatha Raisin mystery series—now a hit show on Acorn TV and public television. Marital bliss was short-lived for Agatha Raisin. Her marriage to James Lacey was a disaster from the beginning, and in the end, he left her—not for another woman, but for God. After having been miraculously cured of a brain tumor, James

has decided to join a monastery in France. Agatha can usually depend on her old friend, Sir Charles Fraith, to be there when times are tough, but even Charles has abandoned her, dashing off to Paris to marry a young French tart. Miserable and alone, Agatha hops on a plane and heads for a remote island in the South Pacific. To Agatha's surprise, she makes friends with her fellow travelers easily, and keeps herself out of mischief, despite the odd feeling she gets from one particularly attractive honeymooning couple. But when she later finds that the pretty bride has drowned under suspicious circumstances, Agatha wishes she had found a way to intervene. Returning home to the Cotswolds, Agatha is grimly determined to move on with her life and to forget

about James and Charles. They have, after all, forgotten about her. And what better way than to throw herself into another murder investigation? A woman, dressed in a wedding gown and still clutching her bouquet, has just been found floating in a river. The police say it's suicide, but Agatha suspects the girl's flashy young fiancé. With the help of her handsome, and single, new neighbor, Agatha sets off to prove the police wrong. Agatha Raisin and the Witches' Tree Minotaur Books Experiencing Public Relations examines the everyday experiences of PR practitioners in order to better understand how public relations is perceived by those outside and within the field. The book aims to provoke debate around the nature of public relations by looking at how it is defined at a theoretical level, compared to

how it is lived and represented in students with a vital perspective on the inner workings of public work from some of the world's relations today.

leading public relations scholars. Chihuahua of the Baskervilles
They cover a diverse range of Constable
subjects, such as representations Widowed Mary Bolton, like Miss
of PR in fiction and film, Jean Brodie, considers herself in
terrorist use of public relations, her prime. Not satisfied with car
the impact of social media on boot sales, dances at the bowling
this medium and a study of club and reading to the elderly, she
'dirty work' within the PR throws herself into bellringing with
industry. The book also explores gusto - much to the annoyance of
international PR practices, her neighbours. But when the
presenting analysis from industrious Mary is found
contributors based in Australia, swinging from a bell rope, Jessica
Germany, India, Norway, New Brand - who only days before had
Zealand, Poland, Russia, threatened to strangle Mary with
Slovenia, Spain, South Africa, the very same rope - fears she will
Sweden, Taiwan, UAE, UK, be accused. There's nothing left to
USA and Venezuela. do but call in private detective
Agatha Raisin to untangle the web
of sex, money, deceit ... and
murder.

Experiencing Public Relations Pushing Up Daisies Constable
goes beyond the 'frontstage' Investigating the murder of a
scholarship of public relations to local baker during an amateur
bring together stories of PR in theatrical, curmudgeon Agatha
daily life, revealing how Raisin and her team of private
influential theories work out in detectives uncover a web of
practice and translate into feuds and temperamental
different cultural and social behaviors that place the team in
contexts. This book will provide mortal danger. By the best-

selling author of the Hamish Macbeth series.

The Staggerford Flood

Macmillan

With their intimate settings, subdued action and likeable characters, cozy mysteries are rarely seen as anything more than light entertainment. The cozy, a subgenre of crime fiction, has been historically misunderstood and often overlooked as the subject of serious study. This anthology brings together a groundbreaking collection of essays that examine the cozy mystery from a range of critical viewpoints. The authors engage with the standard classification of a cozy, the characters who appear in its pages, the environment where the crime occurs and how these elements reveal the cozy story's complexity in surprising ways. Essays

analyze cozy mysteries to argue that Agatha Christie is actually not a cozy writer; that Columbo fits the mold of the cozy detective; and that the stories' portrayals of settings like the quaint English village reveal a more complicated society than meets the eye.

Agatha Raisin: Beating about the Bush Macmillan

The first book in M. C. Beaton's New York Times bestselling Agatha Raisin series—now a hit show on Acorn TV and public television. Putting all her eggs in one basket, Agatha Raisin gives up her successful PR firm, sells her London flat, and settles in for an early retirement in the quiet village of Carsely. But she soon finds her life of leisure isn't all it's cracked up to be. Bored, lonely, and used to getting her way, she enters a local baking contest: Surely a blue ribbon for the best quiche will make her the toast of the town. But her recipe for social

advancement sours when the judge, Mr. Cummings-Browne, not only snubs her entry but also falls over dead! After her quiche 's secret ingredient turns out to be poison, she must reveal the unsavory truth. . . . That is, Agatha has never baked a thing in her life! In fact, she bought her entry ready-made from an upper-crust London quicherie. Grating on the nerves of several Carsely residents, she is soon receiving sinister notes. Has her cheating and meddling landed her in hot water, or are the threats related to the suspicious death? It may mean the difference between egg on her face and a coroner 's tag on her toe. . . . The Quiche of Death, the first book in this beloved series, is now a Minotaur Signature Edition, complete with a discussion guide and essay by the author. Dishing the Dirt Thorndike Press Large Print Daisy Forest knows a ghost when she sees one. True, she

has never actually seen a ghost before, but she swears their transparency is a dead giveaway. Daisy, a volunteer tour guide at the historic Holly Hill Mansion, knows that Sophia Meade Long, the woman who once owned the mansion, has been dead since 1814. So, when a very transparent Sophia steps in front of Daisy's little Prius one night and asks for her help, how could she refuse? Once again Daisy and her sister, Rose, find themselves up to their eyeballs in all sorts of shenanigans — chasing ghosts, holding séances, and searching for priceless Revere silver. The sudden reappearance of their reprobate father, Dickie Forest, with a new and unlikely interest in the occult has them puzzled to say the least, and their mother, Angela, behaving at her eccentric best. What seems to be harmless fun takes a deadly turn when Daisy stumbles on the body of the mansion's curator in the wine cellar and Daisy is later

attacked after a Gothic evening in the mansion. When the police seemed to be stumped, it's up to Daisy and Rose, with the invaluable help of Angela, to calm the ghost and catch a killer.

Agatha Raisin: Dishing the Dirt
Grand Central Publishing

When a wealthy land developer who had been planning to turn a community garden into a housing estate winds up dead, Agatha Raisin is hired by the victim's accused son to clear him of suspicion and identify the real killer among numerous suspects.